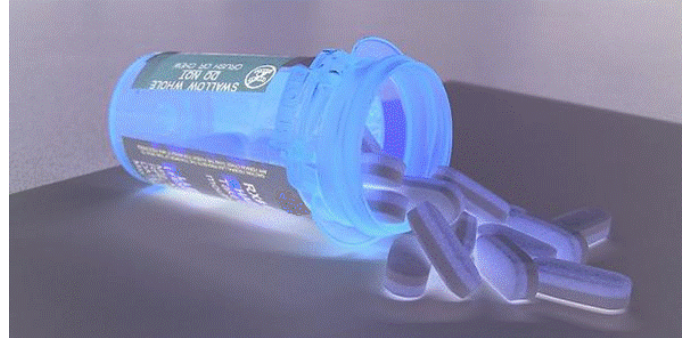


PROPER DISPOSAL OF PHARMACEUTICALS

Endocrine Disrupting Compounds or EDCs interfere with the normal functions of hormones that control growth and reproduction in animals and humans. These EDCs are found in hormones, antidepressants, antibiotics, and chemicals from personal care products. There appears



to be no single wastewater treatment technology that will remove all EDCs. Improper disposal of these products can lead to their introduction into garden soil, food products, groundwater basins, creeks, and rivers. Removing these products from the water supply is very difficult and expensive.

For this reason, it is very important that we all dispose of our pharmaceuticals in the proper manner. Proper disposal techniques include:

Waste Collection Center:

You can take your unused, unneeded, and expired medications to the Fort Worth Environmental Collection Center at 6400 Bridge Street in Fort Worth (817) 871-5257. (Proof of residency required)

Trash Disposal:

- Take unused, unneeded, or expired prescription drugs out of their original containers
- Mix the prescription drugs with an undesirable substance, like used coffee grounds or kitty litter, and put them into impermeable, non-descript containers, such as empty cans or sealable bags, further ensuring that the drugs are not diverted or accidentally ingested by children or pets
- Throw these containers in the trash

Take Back Program

Some pharmacies will take your unused pharmaceuticals back and dispose of them properly. Contact your local pharmacist for more information.

